Claims

1. An electronic camera comprising

a camera housing;

an objective lens for admitting image-carrying light rays into said camera housing;

an electronic image acquisition assembly capable of receiving said image-carrying light rays and converting said image-carrying light rays into image-encoding digital information;

a reflective flat panel display capable of being electronically addressed, in response to said image-encoding digital information, to provide in reflected light a reflection image;

a receptacle for holding a photosensitive imaging medium; and

an optical system capable of directing the reflection image reflected off said reflective flat panel display toward said receptacle for the imagewise area exposure of a photosensitive imaging medium held therein

2. The electronic camera of claim 1, wherein said electronic image acquisition assembly is a charge coupled device (CCD).

3. The electronic camera of claim 1, wherein said receptacle for holding a photosensitive medium is a receptacle for holding a cassette of self-developing photosensitive film.

4. The electronic camera of claim 1, wherein the reflective flat panel display is a twisted or super twisted nematic liquid crystal display.

5. A unitary electronic imaging device comprising:

a housing;

means for receiving and transmitting electronic image-encoding digital information;

a reflective flat panel display capable of being electronically addressed, in response to said electronic image-encoding digital information, to provide in reflected light a reflection image;

a reflection image viewer;

a receptacle for holding a photosensitive imaging medium; and

an optical system capable of selectively directing the reflection image reflected off said reflective flat panel display toward either (a) said receptacle for the imagewise area exposure of a photosensitive imaging medium held therein, or (b) said reflection image viewer for the viewing thereof by a user of the device.

6. The electronic camera of claim **2**, wherein said receptacle for holding a photosensitive medium is a receptacle for holding a cassette of self-developing photosensitive film.

7. The electronic camera of claim **2**, wherein the reflective flat panel display is a twisted or super twisted nematic liquid crystal display.

8. A method for recording an image onto a photosensitive medium comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a photosensitive medium;

(b) providing a reflective liquid crystal display capable of being electronically addressed to provide in reflected light a reflection image, said reflective liquid crystal display being either a twisted nematic or super twisted nematic liquid crystal display;

(c) electronically addressing said reflective liquid crystal display contemporaneously with the illumination thereof by a light source to produce a reflection image in reflected light; and

(d) directing said reflected light onto said photosensitive medium for the recordation therein of said reflection image.

9. The method of claim **3**, wherein said photosensitive medium is self-developing photosensitive film.

10. The method of claim **3**, wherein said photosensitive film comprises a flexible substrate onto which is deposited a silver halide emulsion film.